

**REMARKS**

In a Notice of Allowance dated October 16, 2007, the Examiner noted that the Applicants' claims 1-17, in the above identified patent application are allowed. However, the Applicants in review of the Applicants' corresponding worldwide patent applications noticed that the references cited in the prosecution of the corresponding Japanese patent application were inadvertently not cited in this U.S. application without deceptive intent. In response and to correct this inadvertent error, the Applicants are submitting herewith an RCE and an accompanying supplemental IDS including all of the references cited in the prosecution of the corresponding Japanese patent application. Please note that the translations will soon follow.

The Applicants state that the failure to cite the references cited in the corresponding Japanese patent application in the prosecution of the above identified U.S. application was done so without deceptive intent. The Applicants, however, respectfully submit that the Applicants' claims, 1-17 are now in allowable form over any and all of the references cited in the prosecution of the corresponding Japanese patent application. Consequently, the Applicants believe that all these claims remain in condition for allowance.

**Conclusion**

The Applicants are submitting herewith, an RCE and a supplemental IDS listing all of the references cited in the prosecution of the Applicants' corresponding Japanese patent application for the Examiner's consideration in the prosecution of the above identified U.S. patent application. However, the Applicants respectfully submit that the Applicants' claims, 1-17 are now in allowable form over any and all of the references cited in the prosecution of the corresponding Japanese patent application. Consequently, the Applicants believe that all these claims are presently and remain in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

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If however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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